

Muncie Police Merit Commission

Call to order:

A meeting of the Muncie Police Merit Commission was held on Thursday, April 7, 2022 at 300 N. High Street Muncie, IN 47305- City Hall Auditorium
Bruce Qualls called the meeting to order at 6:21 pm

Roll Call:

Attendees included – Dea Bell, Phillip Miller, Bruce Qualls, Chuck Zimmers (via video), Nathan Sloan and Mark Ervin

Members not in attendance:

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Approval of minutes:

Dea Bell made a motion to accept the March 3, 2022 meeting minutes with any necessary corrections. Phillip Miller seconded the motion. A roll call vote showed 4 yeas (Bell, Miller, Zimmers, Qualls) and 0 nays. Motion to approve meeting minutes is carried.

Old Business:

Due to the resignation of merit member Jonathan Mitchell, the seat of President is now vacant. Dea Bell made a motion to nominate Bruce Qualls as Merit Commission President. Chuck Zimmers seconded the motion. A roll call vote showed 4 yeas (Bell, Miller, Zimmers, Qualls) and 0 nays. Motion to elect Bruce Qualls as President of the Muncie Police Merit Commission is carried.

Dea Bell made a motion to nominate Phillip Miller as Vice President of the Muncie Police Merit Commission. Bruce Qualls seconded the motion. A roll call vote showed 4 yeas (Bell, Miller, Zimmers, Qualls) and 0 nays. Motion to elect Phillip Miller as Vice President of the Muncie Police Merit Commission is carried.

Business from Chief Sloan:

Chief Sloan read a letter of resignation from Officer Jeremy Gibson, effective March 10, 2022. Phillip Miller made a motion to accept the letter of resignation. Bruce Quall seconded the motion. A roll call vote showed 4 yeas (Bell, Miller, Qualls and Zimmers) and 0 nays. Motion to accept letter of resignation is carried.

Chief Sloan read a letter of retirement from Officer Kyle Temple, effective January 6, 2023. Dea Bell made a motion to accept the letter of retirement. Phillip Miller seconded the motion. A roll call vote showed 4 yeas (Bell, Miller, Qualls and Zimmers) and 0 nays. Motion to accept letter of retirement is carried.

Since changes have been implemented and applications will be submitted and accepted electronically, Chief Sloan asks the Commission to consider an amendment to Rule and Procedure #3- Application for Appointment, to coincide with the changes. Dea Bell made a motion that the Merit Commission members along with Chief Sloan and whomever he designates, work on amending Rule and Procedure #3. Bruce Qualls seconded the motion. A roll call vote shows 4 yeas (Bell, Miller, Qualls and Zimmers) and 0 nays. Motion to amend Rule and Procedure #3 to coincide with new processes is carried.

Business from Attorney Mark Ervin:

On behalf of the Muncie Police Department, Attorney Ben Freeman, city attorney, presented and read an agreement and recommendation regarding disciplinary matter 2021-01. In lieu of a formal disciplinary hearing, Dea Bell made a motion to accept the agreement and recommendation as presented by the Muncie Police Department for disciplinary matter 2021-01. Chuck Zimmers seconded the motion. A roll call vote showed 4 yeas (Bell, Miller, Qualls and Zimmers) and 0 nays. Motion to accept the agreement and recommendation for disciplinary matter 2021-01 is carried. The agreement and recommendation is effective April 7, 2022.

Other Business:

The Merit Commission along with the police supervisory board will conduct interviews for the current lateral applicants on Wednesday, April 13, 2022 beginning at 5:00pm.

Adjournment:

Bruce Qualls adjourned the meeting at 6:35pm.